

## MAILBOX RESTRICTION RESPONSES

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appl. of: Gondry et al

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POLYNUCLEOTIDES & PEPTIDES CODED BY SAID POLYNUCLEOTIDES

INVOLVED IN THE SYNTHESIS OF DIKETOPIPERAZINE DERIVATIVES

## RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir/Madam:

This is responsive to the requirement for restriction of December 1st, 2005, the period for responding being extended herewith to February 1st, 2006.

## THE ELECTION

The applicant elects, with traverse, Group I, directed to a polynucleotide, vector, host cell and method of producing a polypeptide. This Group includes claims 1-7, 13 and 15-20. In addition, the applicant elects, for searching purposes only, the species protein of SEQ ID NO:9 (A1bC), or nucleic acid of SEQ ID NO:3 encoding it. The applicant, however, requests that Groups I and II be examined together in this application. The encompassed claims are 1-7, 10-13 and 15-20.